

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation-in-Part Application of:)	
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Katsuhiko TAKAHASHI, et al.)	
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Application No.: Continuation-in-Part of)	
U.S. Appln No.: 09/672,769	:	
Filed September 29, 2000)	
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Filed: August 4, 2003)	
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For: AQUEOUS INK COMPOSITION,)	
RECORDING UNIT, INK JET	:	
RECORDING APPARATUS, AND)	August 4, 2003
INK JET RECORDING METHOD	:	

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Sir:

This is a Continuation-In-Part application of Application No. 09/672,769 ("the '769 application"), filed September 29, 2000. Material added to or different from the original specification in the '769 application includes (1) the continuing lineage information on page 1, (2) the addition of Comparative Example 2 at pages 58-60, (3) the changes to the specification made in the Amendment filed February 13, 2002 in response to objections to the drawings, (4) amendments to the claims conforming them to the current version of the claims in the '769 application, and (5) some minor editorial changes to improve the form of the specification.

In the Office Action dated April 9, 2003 in the '769 application, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tsutsumi et al. in view of Suzuki et al. and

either Tsang et al. or Johnson et al. Claims 1-12 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Suzuki et al. in view of Tsutsumi et al.


Applicants had previously filed a Declaration submitting experimental results. The Examiner has stated that "It is agreed that the declaration shows that the ink of the present invention is superior in terms of storage stability, i.e., the ink does not exhibit phase separation." See the attachment to the Advisory Action dated August 14, 2002.

The Examiner, however, has noted that there does not appear to be any disclosure of phase separation or storage stability in the present specification. Accordingly, Applicants have added the results of the experiment showing superior storage stability due to lack of phase separation in the Continuation-In-Part specification.

Applicants submit that the Continuation-In-Part application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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